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The present document contains the provisional agenda for the substantive session of 2007 (section I) and the annotations to the provisional agenda (section II).

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I. Provisional agenda

The provisional agenda of the Economic and Social Council for its substantive session of 2007 has been drawn up on the basis of the list of items approved by the Council at its organizational session for 2007 (Council decision 2007/209).

Provisional agenda for the substantive session of 2007

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   (c) International cooperation in the field of informatics;

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   (b) Science and technology for development;

   (c) Statistics;

   (d) Human settlements;

   (e) Environment;

   (f) Population and development;

   (g) Public administration and development;

   (h) International cooperation in tax matters;

   (i) United Nations Forum on Forests;

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(a) Advancement of women;

(b) Social development;

(c) Crime prevention and criminal justice;

(d) Narcotic drugs;

(e) United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees;

(f) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action;

(g) Human rights;

(h) Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues;

(i) Genetic privacy and non-discrimination.

15. United Nations research and training institutes.

II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

At its organizational session for 2007, the Council approved the provisional agenda for its substantive session (Council decision 2007/209).

At its organizational session for 2007, the Council decided to further defer its consideration of the draft annex on the privileges and immunities of the specialized agencies with respect to the World Tourism Organization to its substantive session of 2007 (Council decision 2007/205).

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General entitled "Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies: draft annex relating to the World Tourism Organization" (E/2006/70)

A. High-level segment

In accordance with General Assembly resolutions 48/162 and 61/16, the Council will hold a high-level policy dialogue with the executive heads of international financial and trade institutions during its high-level segment.

2. (a) Thematic discussion:

Strengthening efforts at all levels to promote pro-poor sustained economic growth, including through equitable macroeconomic policies;

(b) Annual ministerial review:

Strengthening efforts to eradicate poverty and hunger, including through the global partnership for development.

The Council will have before it the report of the Secretary-General on strengthening efforts at all levels to promote pro-poor sustained economic growth, including through equitable macroeconomic policies for the thematic discussion at the 2007 substantive session (Council decision 2007/206). The report will incorporate relevant inputs from a number of United Nations organizations with the aim of providing conceptual and policy background for deliberations on the theme.

In pursuance of paragraphs 155 and 156 of the 2005 World Summit Outcome, the General Assembly, in its resolution 61/16, decided that the Economic and Social Council should continue to promote global dialogue, inter alia, through strengthening existing arrangements, including a thematic discussion on a theme from economic, social and related fields to be decided by the Council and informed by a report of the Secretary-General. The Council will have before it a note by the Secretary-General on the theme for the thematic discussion of the high-level segment of the Economic and Social Council.

The Council will also have before it the report of the Secretary-General on strengthening efforts to eradicate poverty and hunger, including through the global partnership for development for the annual ministerial review (Council decision 2007/207), in pursuance of paragraph 155 of the 2005 World Summit Outcome (General Assembly resolution 60/1) and paragraph 8 of General Assembly resolution 61/16 on strengthening of the Economic and Social Council. The report will incorporate inputs from a number of relevant United Nations organizations and draw upon the outcome of the special preparatory round-table meeting of the Council to be held on 2 April 2007. The report will also provide policy recommendations for consideration by the Council.

The Council will also have before it the *World Economic and Social Survey 2007*, prepared pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 118 (II) and 52/180 and Council resolution 1983/50, and the relevant part of the report of the Committee for Development Policy on its ninth session (Council resolution 2006/1).

The Council will have before it the relevant part of the report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation (Council decisions 2004/323 and 2007/217).

In paragraph 155 of the 2005 World Summit Outcome, the Council was mandated to hold a biennial high-level Development Cooperation Forum to review trends in international development cooperation. In paragraph 5 of its resolution 61/16, the General Assembly further requested the Council to consider launching the Forum during the high-level segment of its substantive session of 2007 and thereafter meeting in New York, starting in 2008.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General for the thematic discussion

Note by the Secretary-General on the thematic discussion of the high-level segment of the Economic and Social Council: selection of a theme (E/2007/51)

Report of the Secretary-General for the annual ministerial review

World Economic and Social Survey 2007

Relevant part of the report of the Committee for Development Policy on its ninth session

Relevant part of the report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation in the economic, social and related fields (E/2007/15 and Add.1)

B. Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation segment

3. Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation

(a) Follow-up to policy recommendations of the General Assembly and the Council

The General Assembly, in paragraph 103 of its resolution 59/250, requested the Secretary-General to submit to it at its sixty-second session, through the Council, a comprehensive analysis of implementation of the resolution in the context of the triennial policy review and to make appropriate recommendations.

The Council, at its substantive session of 2006, in paragraph 51 of its resolution 2006/14, requested the Secretary-General to focus the analysis of the triennial comprehensive policy review of 2007, within the context of the implementation of the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals.

The General Assembly, in paragraph 22 of its resolution 59/250, requested the Secretary-General to improve the annual statistical compendium to the operational activities segment of the Council by adding a multi-year perspective, fully incorporating available information and statistics.

At its substantive session of 2006, the Council requested the Secretary-General, in order to enhance understanding of funding trends in the United Nations development system and humanitarian field, to further refine comprehensive statistical data on operational activities for development of the United Nations system contained in his annual report, with a view to promoting a concerted effort by entities of the United system to standardize data and statistical practices that reflect funding for operational activities for development, including a better distinction between funding for humanitarian assistance and for long-term development cooperation channelled through the funds, programmes and specialized agencies of the United Nations system and the United Nations Secretariat, in collaboration with organizations repository of relevant information and statistics, as appropriate (Council resolution 2006/14, para. 11).

At its substantive session of 1998, the Council invited the Secretary-General to arrange for the submission by the executive heads of the United Nations funds and programmes, in consultation with the United Nations Development Group, to the Council at its annual substantive session, of a concise consolidated list of issues that are central to the improved coordination of operational activities and on which the funds and programmes seek consideration by and guidance from the Council, in particular in regard to the triennial policy review, and to include in the list recommendations whenever possible (Council resolution 1998/27, para. 4).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the comprehensive statistical analysis of the financing of operational activities for development of the United Nations system (A/62/74-E/2007/54)[1]

Report of the Secretary-General on the triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system[1]

Consolidated list of issues related to the coordination of operational activities (E/2007/CRP.1)

(b) Reports of the Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund, the United Nations Children's Fund and the World Food Programme

The Council will also have before it the annual reports of the Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund, the United Nations Children's Fund and the World Food Programme.

The Council requested the funds and programmes, through their executive boards, to include in their annual reports to the Council: (a) a section outlining measures taken in the implementation of the provisions of the triennial policy review of operational activities; and (b) a section on the activities and measures undertaken within the designated theme of the high-level meeting of the operational activities segment (Council resolution 1994/33).

The reports include a thorough analysis of problems encountered and lessons learned, with emphasis on issues arising from the implementation of the Secretary-General's reform programme, the triennial comprehensive policy review and the follow-up to international conferences, so as to allow the Council to fulfil its coordinating role (General Assembly resolutions 48/162 and 53/192 and Council resolution 1995/51).

At its fifty-ninth session, the General Assembly invited the executive boards and governing bodies of the funds, programmes and the specialized agencies to assess regularly the progress achieved in the area of simplification and harmonization of rules and procedures and requested the funds and programmes to provide, in their annual reports to the Council, specific information on the progress achieved in that area (General Assembly resolution 59/250, paras. 36, 38 and 39).

Documentation

Reports of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund on its second regular session of 2006 and on its first regular session and its annual session of 2007

Joint annual report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund (E/2007/5)

Reports of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund on its second regular session of 2006 (E/2006/34/Rev.1, Supplement No. 14), its first regular

[1] Submitted to the General Assembly through the Council.

session of 2007 (E/2007/34 (Part I) and E/2007/34 (Part I)/Add.1) and its annual session of 2007

Annual report to the Council of the Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund (E/2007/6)

Report of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme on its 2006 sessions (E/2007/36, Supplement No. 16)

Annual report of the Executive Director of the World Food Programme for 2006

(c) South-South cooperation for development

Documentation

Report of the High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation on its fifteenth session (A/62/39, Supplement No. 39) (General Assembly resolutions 33/134 and 58/220)[1]

C. Coordination segment

4. The role of the United Nations system in promoting full and productive employment and decent work for all

The Council, at its resumed substantive session of 2006, in its decision 2006/274, adopted the following theme for its coordination segment of its substantive session of 2007: "The role of the United Nations system in promoting full and productive employment and decent work for all".

The Council, at its substantive session of 2006, in its resolution 2006/46 on the follow-up to the World Summit on the Information Society and review of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development, decided to carry out its responsibilities for overseeing the system-wide follow-up to the Summit outcomes in the context of its annual consideration of the integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits in its coordination segment on the basis of a thematic approach and a multi-year programme, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 57/270 B.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the theme of the coordination segment

Updated report of the Secretary-General on the role of the Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits, in the light of General Assembly resolutions 50/227, 52/12 B, 57/270 B and 60/265 and Council decision 2006/251 (see also under chapeau of items 6, 7 (f), 8, 13 and 14)[1]

D. Humanitarian affairs segment

5. Special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance

At its organizational session for 2007, the Council decided: (a) that the theme of the humanitarian affairs segment of its substantive session of 2007 would be

"Strengthening of the coordination of United Nations humanitarian assistance through enhancing the effectiveness of needs-based humanitarian assistance"; and (b) that it would convene two panels, the topics of which would be: (i) "The use of military assets in natural disaster relief"; (ii) "Needs-based humanitarian financing, including the Central Emergency Response Fund" (Council decision 2007/211).

At its sixty-first session, the General Assembly:

- In its resolution 61/132, requested the Secretary-General to report to the Assembly at its sixty-second session on strengthening emergency relief, rehabilitation, reconstruction and prevention in the aftermath of the Indian Ocean tsunami disaster through the Council at its substantive session of 2007.
- In its resolution 61/134, requested the Secretary-General to report to the Assembly at its sixty-second session, through the Council at its substantive session of 2007, on progress made in strengthening the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations (see also Council resolution 2006/5).
- Also in its resolution 61/134, requested the Secretary-General to submit a report to the Assembly through the Council on the detailed use of the Central Emergency Response Fund.

In accordance with Council resolution 1983/46, the Secretary-General orally apprises the Council annually on the status of the assistance to the drought-stricken areas of Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, the Sudan and Uganda.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the progress made in strengthening the coordination of humanitarian assistance of the United Nations[1]

Report of the Secretary-General on the detailed use of the Central Emergency Response Fund[1]

Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening emergency relief, rehabilitation, reconstruction and prevention in the aftermath of the Indian Ocean tsunami disaster[1]

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Towards a United Nations Humanitarian Assistance Programme for Disaster Response and Reduction: Lessons Learned from the Indian Ocean tsunami disaster (A/61/699-E/2007/8 and Add.1)

E. General segment

6. Implementation of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits

At its substantive session of 2006, the Council requested the Secretary-General to submit a report on its role in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits, in the light of General Assembly resolutions 50/227, 52/12 B, 57/270 B and 60/265, which should also adequately reflect the work of the functional commissions in 2007, including actions taken to follow up on its resolution 2006/44, for consideration by the Council at its substantive session in 2007 (Council resolution 2006/44). The

report will also contain a section on the implementation of Council decision 2006/251 on the initiative of the Secretary-General to launch the Global Alliance for Information and Communication Technologies and Development (see also under chapeau of items 4, 7 (f), 8, 13 and 14).

At its organizational session for 1999, the Council invited the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to transmit to the Council every four years, starting in 1999, a report prepared by its Committee on World Food Security on progress in the implementation of the World Food Summit Plan of Action, highlighting its linkages with the coordinated and integrated follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits undertaken by the United Nations system (Council decision 1999/212).

Documentation

Updated report of the Secretary-General on the role of the Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits, in the light of General Assembly resolutions 50/227, 52/12 B, 57/270 B and 60/265 and Council decision 2006/251 (see also under chapeau of items 4, 7 (f), 8, 13 and 14)[1]

Note by the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations transmitting the report of the Committee on World Food Security on the progress in the implementation of the World Food Summit Plan of Action

(a) Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development

The General Assembly, in its resolution 58/230, requested the President of the Council to enhance the Council's interactions through regular exchanges with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on organizational matters related to the follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development, within the context of the preparations for the high-level meeting with these institutions (New York, 16 April 2007), bearing in mind General Assembly resolutions 57/270 B and Council resolution 2003/47, and to report thereon to the Council (see also Council resolution 2006/45).

Documentation

Summary by the President of the Council of the special high-level meeting of the Council with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

(b) Review and coordination of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010

The Council, at its substantive session of 2006, in its resolution 2006/41, requested the Secretary-General to submit an annual progress report on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010. The report is submitted to the General Assembly, through the Council, in response to paragraph 111 of the Programme of Action (see also Council decision 2001/320).

At its sixty-first session, in the declaration of the high-level meeting on the midterm comprehensive global review of the implementation of the Programme of Action, the General Assembly invited the Council to continue to ensure the annual review of the implementation of the Programme of Action, taking into account the concrete and quantifiable achievements produced in the realization of the agreed objectives (General Assembly resolution 61/1).

Documentation

Annual progress report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010[1]

7. Coordination, programme and other questions

(a) Reports of coordination bodies

The United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination will submit an annual overview report to the Council (Council resolution 13 (III)), which will provide the Council with a summary of the work carried out by the Board machinery in 2006.

The report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its forty-seventh session (New York, 11 June-6 July 2007) will include the Committee's views on its consideration of the report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination.

Documentation

Annual overview report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination for 2006

Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its forty-seventh session (A/62/16, Supplement No. 16)

(b) Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009

In accordance with rule 31 of the rules of procedure of the Council, the Secretary-General will circulate the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 covering activities in the economic, social and human rights fields. The Council will consider the relevant sections of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 (Council resolution 1988/77 and General Assembly resolution 58/269).

Documentation

Relevant sections of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 (see relevant fascicles of A/62/6)

(c) International cooperation in the field of informatics

At its substantive session of 2006, the Council requested the President of the Council to convene the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics for one more year and requested the Working Group to continue its efforts to act as a bridge between the evolving needs of Member States and the actions of the Secretariat. The Council also requested the Secretary-General to report to the Council at its substantive session of 2007 on action taken to follow up on the need to harmonize

and improve United Nations informatics systems for optimal utilization and accessibility by all States, including the findings of the Working Group and an assessment of its work and mandate (Council resolution 2006/35).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the action taken to follow up on the need to harmonize and improve United Nations informatics systems for optimal utilization and accessibility by all States, including the findings of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics and an assessment of its work and mandate

(d) Long-term programme of support for Haiti

At its substantive session of 2006, the Council decided to extend the mandate of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti until the substantive session of the Council in 2007 and requested the Ad Hoc Advisory Group to submit a report on its work, with recommendations, as appropriate, to the Council at its substantive session of 2007 and decided that the work of the Advisory Group will be reviewed at the substantive session of 2007, with a view to considering whether to continue its mandate, based on the Council's consideration of the report, and the situation then prevailing in Haiti, with due account being taken of the creation of the Peacebuilding Commission (Council resolution 2006/10).

Documentation

Report of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti

(e) Mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system

At its substantive session of 2006, the Council requested the Secretary-General to report to it at its substantive session of 2007 on mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system (Council resolutions 2006/9 and 2006/36).

At its sixty-first session, the General Assembly encouraged the Council to continue its efforts to ensure that gender mainstreaming is an integral part of its work and that of its subsidiary bodies, through, inter alia, implementation of its agreed conclusions 1997/2 and its resolution 2004/4, and welcomed the ministerial declaration of the high-level segment of the Council's substantive session of 2006, which, inter alia, underlined the need for the consistent use of a gender mainstreaming strategy for the creation of an enabling environment for women's participation in development, and called upon all stakeholders to work to ensure the full incorporation of gender perspectives in the implementation of the declaration (General Assembly resolution 61/145) (see also under chapeau of item 14 (a)).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on assessment of progress in gender mainstreaming in the policies and programmes of the United Nations system focusing on training and capacity development (see also under chapeau of item 14 (a))

(f) Information and Communication Technologies Task Force

At its substantive session of 2006, the Council took note of the fourth and final annual report of the Information and Communication Technologies Task Force and of the initiative of the Secretary-General to launch the Global Alliance for Information and Communication Technologies and Development and requested the Secretary-General to include information on the activities of the Alliance in his annual report to the Council (Council decision 2006/251) (see annotations on the implementation of Council decision 2006/251 on the Global Alliance for Information and Communication Technologies and Development under the chapeau of item 6).

Documentation

Updated report of the Secretary-General on the role of the Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits, in the light of General Assembly resolutions 50/227, 52/12 B, 57/270 B, 60/265, and Council decision 2006/251 (see also under chapeau of items 4, 6, 8, 13 and 14)[1]

(g) Ad hoc advisory groups on African countries emerging from conflict

At its substantive session of 2006, the Council urged the international community to remain engaged with Guinea-Bissau and decided, in that regard, to extend the mandate of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Guinea-Bissau until its substantive session of 2007 (Council resolution 2006/11).

Documentation

Report of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Guinea-Bissau

(h) Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)

At its substantive session of 2005, the Council requested the Secretary-General to transmit to the Council, at its substantive session of 2007, a report prepared by the Executive Director of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), in collaboration with other relevant organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, which should include information on progress made in implementing the coordinated response of the United Nations system to the HIV/AIDS pandemic as well as the decisions, recommendations and conclusions of the UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board taken subsequent to the substantive session of the Council in 2005 (Council resolution 2005/47).

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Director of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)

(i) Calendar of conferences and meetings in the economic, social and related fields

The Council will be required to approve its calendar of conferences and meetings in the economic, social and related fields for 2008 and 2009 (Council decision 52 (LVII))

Documentation

Draft calendar of conferences and meetings in the economic, social and related fields for 2008 and 2009

Letter from the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences addressed to the President of the Economic and Social Council

8. Implementation of General Assembly resolutions 50/227, 52/12 B, 57/270 B and 60/265

At its substantive session of 2006, the Council requested the Secretary-General to submit a report on the role of the Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits, in the light of General Assembly resolutions 50/227, 52/12 B, 57/270 B and 60/265, specifying that the report should also adequately reflect the work of the functional commissions in 2007, including actions taken to follow up on that resolution (Council resolution 2006/44) (see also under chapeau of items 4, 6, 13 and 14).

Documentation

Updated report of the Secretary-General on the role of the Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits in the light of General Assembly resolutions 50/227, 52/12 B, 57/270 B and 60/265 and Council decision 2006/251 (see also under chapeau of items 4, 6, 7 (f), 13 and 14)[1]

9. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations

Assistance to the Palestinian people. At its sixty-third session, in 1977, the Council requested the Secretary-General to submit to it annual reports on the question of assistance to the Palestinian people (Council resolution 2100 (LXIII)).

The General Assembly, in its resolution 61/135 on assistance to the Palestinian People, requested the Secretary-General to submit a report to the Assembly at its sixty-second session, through the Council, on the implementation of that resolution.

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations. The Council, at its substantive session of 2006, in its resolution 2006/37 on support to Non-Self-Governing Territories by the specialized agencies and international institutions associated with the United Nations, requested the President of the Council to continue to maintain close contact with the Chairman of the Special Committee and to report thereon to the Council. The Council also requested the Secretary-General to follow up on the implementation of resolution 2006/37, paying particular attention to cooperation and integration arrangements for maximizing the efficiency of the assistance activities undertaken by various organizations of the United Nations system, and to report thereon to the Council at its substantive session of 2007 (see also General Assembly resolution 61/145).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people[1]

Report of the President of the Council on consultations held with the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations (A/62/65)

10. Regional cooperation

The Council will consider the report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation and take the necessary action on the decisions and recommendations of the regional commissions contained therein. The report will bring to the attention of the Council any decisions or recommendations of the regional commissions that statutorily require its approval. A section of the report will deal with the following topic, "Regional aspect of the themes of the high-level segment[2] of the Economic and Social Council's 2007 substantive session" (Council decision 2007/217).

The Council will also have before it the summaries of the surveys of regional economic and social conditions prepared by the regional commissions, highlighting the main problems and prospects of those regions (Council decision 1979/1).

At its substantive session of 2005, the Council requested the Executive Secretaries of the Economic Commission for Africa and the Economic Commission for Europe to continue to take an active part in the follow-up to the project for the Europe-Africa fixed link through the Strait of Gibraltar and to report to the Council at its substantive session of 2007 (Council resolution 2005/34).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation in the economic, social and related fields (E/2007/15 and Add.1)

Economic developments in the Economic Commission for Europe region (E/2007/16)

Overview of the economic and social conditions in Africa 2007 (E/2007/17)

Summary of the *Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific 2007* (E/2007/18)

Latin America and the Caribbean: economic situation and outlook, 2006-2007 (E/2007/19)

Summary of the survey of economic and social developments in the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia region 2006-2007 (E/2007/20)

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[2] Theme for the thematic discussion, "Strengthening efforts at all levels to promote pro-poor sustained economic growth, including through equitable macroeconomic policies" and theme for the annual ministerial review, "Strengthening efforts to eradicate poverty and hunger, including through the global partnership for development".

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Secretaries of the Economic Commission for Africa and the Economic Commission for Europe on the project for a Europe-Africa fixed link through the Strait of Gibraltar: report on studies and activities carried out during the period 2005-2006 (E/2007/21)

11. Economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan

The Council, at its substantive session of 2006, in its resolution 2006/43, requested the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its sixty-first session, through the Council, a report on the implementation of that resolution and to continue to include in the report of the United Nations Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process an update on the living conditions of the Palestinian people, in collaboration with relevant United Nations agencies.

Documentation

Note of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Council resolution 2006/43[1]

12. Non-governmental organizations

Pursuant to its resolutions 3 (II) and 1996/31, the Council will consider the report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on the work of its 2007 session (New York, 22-31 January, 2 February and 14-18 May 2007) and take action on the recommendations contained therein. The dates of the 2007 session of the Committee and its provisional agenda were approved by the Council in its decision 2006/226.

Documentation

Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2007 session (E/2007/32 (Part I and Corr.1 and Part II))

13. Economic and environmental questions

The Council, at its substantive session of 2006, in its resolution 2006/44, requested the Secretary-General to submit a report on the role of the Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits, in the light of General Assembly resolutions 50/227, 52/12 B, 57/270 B and 60/265, which should also adequately reflect the work of the functional commissions in 2007, including action taken to follow up resolution 2006/44, for consideration by the Council at its substantive session in 2007 (see also under chapeau of items 4, 6, 8 and 14).

Documentation

Updated report of the Secretary-General on the role of the Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits, in the light of General Assembly resolutions 50/227, 52/12 B, 57/270 B and 60/265 and Council decision 2006/251 (see also under chapeau of items 4, 6, 7 (f), 8 and 14)[1]

(a) Sustainable development

The Council will have before it the report of the Commission on Sustainable Development on its fifteenth session (New York, 30 April-11 May 2007). The provisional agenda and documentation for the fifteenth session of the Commission were approved by the Council in its decision 2006/228.

At its substantive session of 2006, the Council decided to defer consideration of the recommendation on the inclusion of Papua New Guinea in the list of least developed countries, contained in the report of the Committee for Development Policy on its eighth session, to the Council's substantive session of 2007 (Council decision 2006/265).

The Council will also have before it the report of the Committee for Development Policy on the work of its eighth (New York, 20-24 March 2006) and ninth sessions (New York, 19-23 March 2007).

At its substantive session of 2005, the Council requested the Secretary-General to report to the Council at its substantive session for 2007 on the work of the United Nations Public-Private Alliance for Rural Development (Council resolution 2005/42)

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Sustainable Development on its fifteenth session (E/2007/29, Supplement No. 9)

Reports of the Committee for Development Policy on its eighth and ninth sessions (E/2006/33, Supplement No. 13 and E/2007/33, Supplement No. 13)

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Public-Private Alliance for Rural Development (E/2007/61)

(b) Science and technology for development

The Council will have before it the report of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development on the work of its tenth session (Geneva, 21-25 May 2007). The provisional agenda and documentation for the tenth session of the Commission were approved by the Council in its decision 2007/208.

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development on its tenth session (E/2007/31, Supplement No. 11)

(c) Statistics

The Council will consider the report of the Statistical Commission on its thirty-eighth session (New York, 27 February-2 March 2007). The provisional agenda and documentation for the thirty-eighth session of the Commission were approved by the Council in its decision 2006/232.

Documentation

Report of the Statistical Commission on its thirty-eighth session (E/2007/24, Supplement No. 4)

(d) Human settlements

The Council will have before it the report of the Secretary-General on the coordinated implementation of the Habitat Agenda (Council decision 2006/247).

The Council will have before it the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) on its twenty-first session (Nairobi, 16-20 April 2007) (Assembly resolution 56/206).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the coordinated implementation of the Habitat Agenda (E/2007/58)

Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)[1]

(e) Environment

The Council will have before it the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its twenty-fourth regular session (Nairobi, 5-9 February 2007) (General Assembly resolutions 2997 (XXVII), 53/242 and 61/205).

The Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme reports to the General Assembly through the Council (General Assembly resolution 2997 (XXVII), sect. I, para. 3). The Governing Council meets in regular sessions every two years and in special sessions in alternate years (General Assembly resolution 53/242).

The Council will have before it the report of the Secretary-General on products harmful to health and the environment. The report is submitted to the General Assembly, through the Council, every three years (General Assembly resolution 39/229 and Council resolution 2004/55).[1]

Documentation

Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its twenty-fourth regular session

Report of the Secretary-General on products harmful to health and the environment

(f) Population and development

The Council will have before it the report of the Commission on Population and Development on the work of its fortieth session (New York, 9-13 April 2007). The provisional agenda and documentation for the fortieth session of the Commission were approved by the Council in its decision 2006/233.

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Population and Development on its fortieth session (E/2007/25, Supplement No. 5)

(g) Public administration and development

The Council will have before it the report of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration on its sixth session (New York, 9-13 April 2007). The provisional agenda and documentation for the sixth session of the Committee were approved by the Council in its resolution 2006/47.

Documentation

Report of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration on its sixth session (E/2007/44, Supplement No. 24)

(h) International cooperation in tax matters

The Council will have before it the report of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters on its second session (Geneva, 30 October-3 November 2006). The provisional agenda and documentation for the second session were approved by the Council in its resolution 2006/48.

Documentation

Report of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters on its second session (E/2006/45, Supplement No. 25)

(i) United Nations Forum on Forests

The Council will have before it the report of the United Nations Forum on Forests on its seventh session (New York, 16-27 April 2007). The provisional agenda and documentation for the seventh session of the Forum were approved by the Council in its resolution 2006/255.

Documentation

Report of the United Nations Forum on Forests on its seventh session (E/2007/42, Supplement No. 22)

(j) Assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions

At its substantive session of 2000, the Council, in its resolution 2000/32, reaffirmed the important role of the General Assembly, the Council and the Committee for Programme and Coordination in mobilizing and monitoring, as appropriate, the economic assistance efforts of the international community and the United Nations system to States confronted with special economic problems arising from the carrying out of preventive or enforcement measures imposed by the Security Council and, as appropriate, in identifying solutions to the special economic problems of those States. The Council further decided to continue consideration of this question, under the item entitled "Economic and environmental questions", taking into account the relevant decisions of the Assembly and the Security Council (see also General Assembly resolution 59/45).

Documentation

No request for advance documentation

(k) Cartography

The Council will have before it the report of the Secretary-General on the Seventeenth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Pacific (Bangkok, 18-22 September 2006) (Council resolutions 715 A (XXVII) and 1314 (XLIV) and Council decision 2004/304).

Documentation

Report of the Seventeenth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Pacific

(l) Women and development

The Council will have before it relevant sections of the report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its fifty-first session (New York, 26 February-9 March 2007) (General Assembly resolution 42/178 and Council resolution 1987/24) (see also under chapeau of item 14 (a)).

Documentation

Relevant sections of the report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its fifty-first session (E/2007/27, Supplement No. 7)

(m) Transport of dangerous goods

At its substantive session of 2005, in its resolution 2005/53, the Council requested the Secretary-General to submit a report to it in 2007 on the implementation of that resolution, the recommendations on the transport of dangerous goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (E/2007/53)

14. Social and human rights questions

At its substantive session of 2006, in its resolution 2006/44, the Council requested the Secretary-General to submit a report on the role of the Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits, in the light of General Assembly resolutions 50/227, 52/12 B, 57/270 B and 60/265, which should also adequately reflect the work of the functional commissions in 2007, including action taken to follow up on that resolution, for consideration by the Council at its substantive session in 2007 (see also under chapeau of items 4, 6, 8 and 13).

Documentation

Updated report of the Secretary-General on the role of the Economic and Social Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits, in the light of General

Assembly resolutions 50/227, 52/12 B, 57/270 B, 60/265 and Council decision 2006/251 (see also under chapeau of items 4, 6, 7 (f), 8 and 13)[1]

(a) Advancement of women

The Council will have before it the report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its fifty-first session (New York, 26 February-9 March 2007). The provisional agenda and documentation for the fifty-first session of the Commission were approved by the Council in its decision 2006/235 (see also under chapeau of item 13 (l)).

The Council will have before it the report of the Secretary-General on assessment of progress in gender mainstreaming in the policies and programmes of the United Nations system focusing on training and capacity development (see also annotations on the report under chapeau of item 7 (e)).

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (General Assembly resolution 34/180, annex). Under article 21 of the Convention, the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women shall report annually on its activities to the Assembly through the Council and may make suggestions and general recommendations based on the examination of reports and information received from the States parties to the Convention.

The Council will have before it the report of the fourth session of the Executive Board of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women. The Institute functions under the authority of the Executive Board, which reports annually to the Council (Council resolutions 1998 (LX) and 2003/57).

Documentation

Report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its fifty-first session (E/2007/27, Supplement No. 7)

Report of the Secretary-General on assessment of progress in gender mainstreaming in the policies and programmes of the United Nations system focusing on training and capacity development (Assembly resolution 61/145 and Council resolutions 2006/9 and 2006/36) (see also under chapeau of item 7 (e))

Note by the Secretary-General on results of the thirty-seventh and thirty-eighth session of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women

Report of the Executive Board of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women on its fourth session

(b) Social development

The Council will have before it the report of the Commission for Social Development on its forty-fifth session (New York, 7-16 February 2007). The provisional agenda and documentation for the forty-fifth session of the Commission were approved by the Council in its decision 2006/238.

At its substantive session of 2006, the Council requested the Secretary-General to include in his comprehensive report on the implementation of the cluster entitled "Youth in the global economy" of the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond, to be provided to the General Assembly at its sixty-second

session, and the substantive session of the Council in 2007 through the Commission for Social Development at its forty-fifth session, information on the implementation of its resolution 2006/15, entitled "Promoting youth employment", including progress achieved by the Youth Employment Network (see also General Assembly resolution 60/2).

The Council will have before it the report of the Secretary-General on follow-up to the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond.

Documentation

Report of the Commission for Social Development on its forty-fifth session (E/2007/26, Supplement No. 6)

Letter dated 8 January 2007 from the Permanent Representative of Luxembourg to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (E/2007/11)

(c) Crime prevention and criminal justice

The Council will have before it the report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its sixteenth session (Vienna, 23-27 April 2007). The provisional agenda and documentation for the sixteenth session of the Commission were approved by the Council in its decision 2006/239.

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its sixteenth session (E/2007/30, Supplement No. 10)

(d) Narcotic drugs

The Council will have before it the report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its fiftieth session (Vienna, 12-16 March 2007). The provisional agenda and documentation for the fiftieth session of the Commission were approved by the Council in its decision 2006/241.

Report of the International Narcotics Control Board. In accordance with article 15, paragraph 1, of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, article 18, paragraph 1, of the 1971 Convention on Psychotropic Substances and article 23, paragraph 1, of the 1988 United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, the Board will report to the Council, through the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, on its work for 2006.

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its fiftieth session (E/2007/28, Supplement No. 8)

Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 2006 (E/INCB/2006/1)

(e) United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

At its fifty-eighth session, the General Assembly decided that the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees should make an annual oral report to the Council to keep it informed of the coordination aspects of the work of the Office of the

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and should continue the existing practice, as established in paragraph 11 of its statute (General Assembly resolution 428 (V), annex), of presenting an annual written report to the Assembly (General Assembly resolution 58/153).

Documentation

Oral report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Letter dated 8 January 2007 from the Permanent Representative of Luxembourg to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (E/2007/11)

(f) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

The General Assembly, in its resolution 61/149, decided that the Assembly, through its role in policy formulation, the Council, through its role in overall guidance and coordination, in accordance with their respective roles under the Charter of the United Nations and Assembly resolution 50/227, and the Human Rights Council shall constitute a three-tiered intergovernmental process for the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action adopted by the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance. In the same resolution, the Assembly reaffirmed that the Human Rights Council should have a central role in the monitoring of the implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action within the United Nations system and in advising the Assembly thereon.

Documentation

No advance documentation has been requested

(g) Human rights

The Council will have before it the report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights on its thirty-sixth and thirty-seventh sessions (Geneva, 1-19 May and 6-24 November 2006) (Council resolutions 1988 (LX) and 1985/17).

The Council will also have before it the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (General Assembly resolution 48/141).

Documentation

Report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights on its thirty-sixth and thirty-seventh session (E/2007/22, Supplement No. 2)

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

(h) Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

The Council will have before it the report of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues on its sixth session (New York, 14-25 May 2007). The provisional agenda and documentation for the sixth session of the Forum were approved by the Council in its decision 2006/272.

Documentation

Report of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues on its sixth session (E/2007/43, Supplement No. 23)

(i) Genetic privacy and non-discrimination

At its substantive session of 2004, in its resolution 2004/9 on genetic privacy and non-discrimination, the Council requested the Secretary-General to bring that resolution to the attention of all Governments, relevant international organizations and functional commissions, to collect the comments received pursuant to it, and other relevant information, and to submit a report to the Council at its substantive session of 2007.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on genetic privacy and non-discrimination

15. United Nations research and training institutes

In its resolution 60/214, the General Assembly decided that article IV, paragraph 5, of the statute of the United Nations System Staff College in Turin, Italy, should be amended so that the biennial reports on the activities of the College are submitted to the Council rather than to the Assembly.

Documentation

Report of the United Nations System Staff College in Turin, Italy